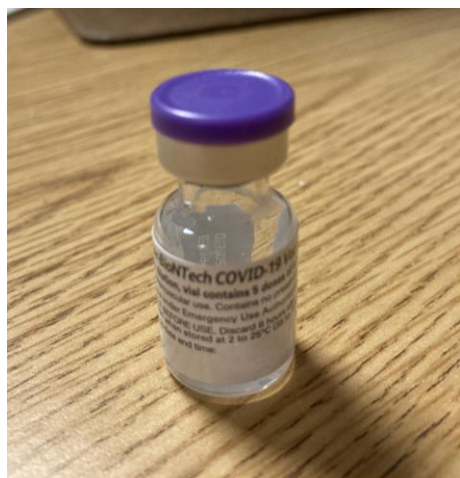




As part of the state's pilot project, some St. Petersburg residents began receiving the first Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines on Dec. 16

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The first vaccines were provided to long-term care residents and staff and efforts will continue the rest of the week. Among the first to receive the vaccines were a resident, nurse and staff member at Carrington Place of St. Pete, 10501 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg 33716.

19 precautions and the threat of inclement weather, the event was a virtual meeting on Teams.

Per the [recommendations](#) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), LTCF residents and health care personnel are included in Phase 1 of the [Florida vaccine distribution plan](#).

Vaccines are still not available for mass distribution for the public, but details will be announced as vaccine supplies increase to make them more available

State strike teams are administering the vaccines at all 70 nursing homes in Pinellas. COVID-19 vaccines from other manufacturers will be available for use at later dates as supplies reach the state.

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